

# EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Wawaloam School Cafeteria, 100 Victory Highway, Exeter, RI 02822

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Convene Meeting

Call to order Vice Chair Rafanelli, 6:00 PM

Board members present: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk, (left meeting at 7:30 PM); Lee Kissinger, (arrived 6:03 PM), Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande; Theresa Donovan

Board members absent: Teri Cicero, Chairperson

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (arrived 6:03 PM); Marie-Elena Ahern, Director of Curriculum; Student Representative Abigail Borges (left meeting at 6:04 PM)

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

As part of the Wawaloam School Presentation, Ms. Scheff and the Wawaloam School Chorus presented a brief recital.

### **II. District Mission Statement**

### **III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

### **IV. Presentations**

#### **A. Student Representative Report**

Abigail Borges offered a summary of past/future Senior High School activities/events.

Lee Kissinger and Robert Ross arrived, (6:03 PM)

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (6:04 PM)

#### **B. Wawaloam School Presentation**

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

Member Donovan requested to pull consent agenda item, V. A. Approval of Minutes

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. *Item Pulled***

**B. Personnel Items**

- 1. Appointments**
- 2. Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. Letter from Brian Ackerman requesting to extend his current unpaid Leave of Absence, from his position as 1.0 FTE Jr. High School Special Education Teacher, through the 2014 – 2015 school year**
- 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
  - a. Letter from Landy Ortega resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Metcalf School, for the purpose of Retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2013 – 2014 school year, on or about June 20, 2014**
  - b. Letter from Debra Zannelli resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Lineham School, for the purpose of Retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2013 – 2014 school year, on or about June 20, 2014**
- 4. Grievances**
- 5. Non-Renewal(s)/Position Elimination Administrator Contract –(As Recommended by the Superintendent with Regret)- Length and purpose of job completed**
- 6. Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. Please see Attached – Recall of Teacher Non-Renewal Recalls – May 13, 2014**
- 7. Sabbaticals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. Letter from Arthur Searle requesting a full-year, full-salary Sabbatical Leave, from his position as 1.0 FTE Senior High Technology Teacher, for the purpose of supporting Technology for Instruction as the District Technology Integration Specialist for the 2014 – 2015 school year**
- 8. Contract(s) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. Please see Attached – Administrative Contract Renewals List – May 1, 2014**
- 9. Job Share Proposal(s) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- a. Proposal from Kristin Allen requesting to continue to Job Share .40 FTE of her 1.0 FTE position as Physical Education/Health Teacher at Metcalf School for the 2014 – 2015 school year
- b. Letter from Christine McGrane requesting to continue to Job Share .50 FTE of her 1.0 FTE position as School Nurse Teacher at Metcalf School for the 2014 – 2015 school year
- C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$477,616.31
- D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
  - 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade 11 (2014 – 2015 SY) – (*NEW STUDENT*)
  - 2. NEW FAMILY – Grade 2 (For the remainder of the 2013 – 2014 school year)
  - 3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grades 5 and 8 (2014 – 2015 SY)

**End Consent Agenda**

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda, minus the Approval of Minutes - Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the Correspondence.

- E. Correspondence – (1) 8/28/2013 – 4/30/2014 AND 9/1/2012 – 4/30/2013 Discipline Reports; (2) April 7, 2014 Resolution of the Smithfield School Committee – Contract Continuation; (3) NEASC Communication regarding postponement of scheduled decennial evaluation of EWG Senior High School from 2016 to 2017; (4) May 5, 2014 Communication to Teachers from Superintendent Erinakes regarding Teacher Appreciation Week; (5) EWG High School Important Dates 2014
- F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection
- G. 2014 – 2015 Budget
- H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)
  - 1. Policy Subcommittee
  - 2. IT Subcommittee
  - 3. Public Relations Subcommittee
- I. Monthly Status Reports
  - 1. Superintendent
  - 2. Curriculum
  - 3. Business
  - 4. Special Education – (NONE)
  - 5. Maintenance
  - 6. Technology

**VI. New Business**

**A. Select School Committee Representatives at Moving Up Ceremony**

Clerk Zuercher and Member Donovan volunteered to represent the school committee at the Junior High School Moving Up.

**B. Consensus to Move Forward on Charter Review Subcommittee Proposal**

Consensus was reached to table this item to the first meeting in June at which time all school committee members should be present.

**C. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion**

**1. 8615 – Student Work and Working Papers – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*Item continued to the next regular meeting agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption*

Marie Ahern left the meeting, (7:03 PM)

**2. 6310 – Recruiting and Managing the Human Capital – Amendment**

MSV – To adopt Policy 6310 as amended – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED

Marie Ahern returned to the meeting, (7:10 PM)

**3. 8303 – Enrollment Requirements – Kindergarten and First grade Amendment**

MSV – To adopt Policy 8303 as amended - Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED

**4. 3305 – Fund Balance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*Item continued to the next regular meeting agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**IT Backup Server Discussion**

Clerk Zuercher left the meeting, (7:30 PM)

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, May 27, 2014-School Committee Meeting-Special Education/Lineham School Presentation; **WEDNESDAY**, June 11, 2014 – School Committee Meeting; See also Correspondence #5**

*Returned to item(s) pulled from the **Consent Agenda** by Member Donovan*

Member Donovan stated she was not in attendance at the April 22, 2014 school committee meeting so she would abstain from approving the minutes.

Member Pande said she was absent on April 22, 2014 as well and would abstain from approving the meeting minutes.

MSV – To accept all the meeting minutes, except for the minutes of April 22, 2014 – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The following was approved:

**V. Routine Items**  
**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014; Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2014; Special Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2014; Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2014; Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2014**

*The regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2014 tabled to the next regular meeting agenda*

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:35 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (a) (1) – Personnel – Kissinger/McFadden – and voted as follows:

Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

**X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5**

**A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)**

**B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice**

**C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel**

**D. 42-46-5 (a) (3) - Security**

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session – Kissinger/Donovan – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:55 PM

**XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**

*Vice Chair Rafanelli Reports on Executive Session Vote:*

MSV – Reverse the termination and accept resignation of employee referenced in AAA Case # 11-20-1300-1260 as defined in the

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MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

employment separation agreement and general release –  
Kissinger/Pande – and voted as follows:

Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

**XII. Adjournment**

MSV – To adjourn – Kissinger/McFadden – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**